

## Request for Council Action

Originator City Manager	Item <b>Hennepin County Courts Facility Proposal</b>
Agenda Section Organizational	Date 6/8/2015
Description	

Hennepin County has been planning for the replacement of its facility in Edina. The existing facility includes the license service center, Southdale library and suburban courts. The County is planning to separate the three services and redevelop the site on 70th and York Avenue.

The City Council previously discussed the possibility of relocating the Hennepin County Courts facility for the south suburban communities to Bloomington; conceptually adding onto the west end of the existing Police wing of Civic Plaza. Staff was directed to continue working with the County.

Since that discussion, the County has signed a long-term lease to install a service center inside Southdale Mall. The County is planning to incorporate a new library into the redevelopment plan for the existing site. Hennepin County would like to resolve the Courts issue by June. Their options are to build new in Bloomington or move the Courts to the Hennepin County tower in downtown Minneapolis. At the May 11 study session, staff was directed to continue negotiations aimed at limiting City cost participation in the project.

Subsequent discussion with the County and continued internal review by staff, has resulted in a proposed scope that would not include a parking structure. Overflow parking would be accommodated across Logan Street. The City will not be asked to contribute to the cost of construction except for desired tenant improvements to our elements of the additional space. Responding to the concern of the City that future campus utilization (including City facilities on the west side of Logan) not be constrained by parking, the County will draft language that would contemplate shared financial participation in construction of a parking deck in the future if there is a demonstrated need for additional parking. The County has acknowledged that exterior design of the facility must match current building architecture.

Staff will discuss additional details and implications. The County would like to begin moving this through the Board process by the end of June to get into the capital planning phase.

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Staff will provide additional information and seeks direction from the City Council.

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**Attachments:**